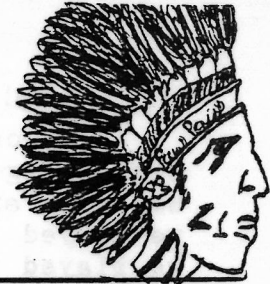




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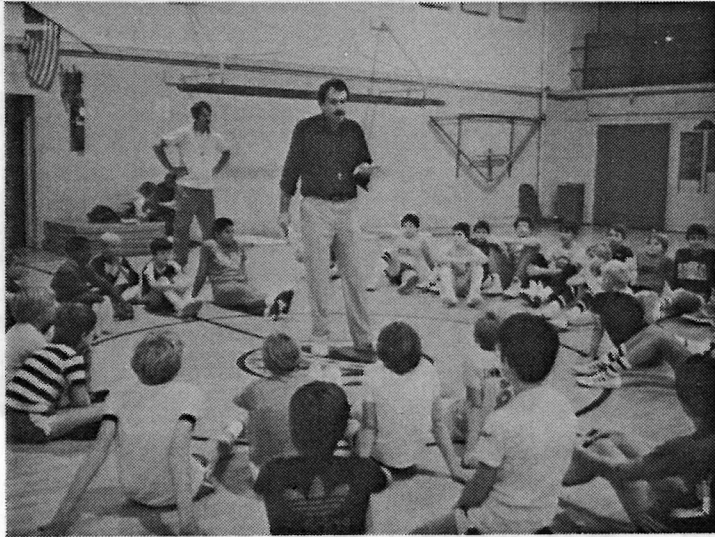


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Pictured here are the boys who make up the intramural basketball program. Picture shows after-school practice. For names of participants see page six.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT HELD

The Middle School choir has been keeping busy. November 30 they sang at the lighting ceremony as the lights were turned on for the village Christmas display.

Tuesday night they held a concert in combination with the P.P.M.S. band and the high school band.

Songs sung included "Ten Feet of Snow", "I'm too Old for Christmas", "Keeping Christmas" and "Light up the Tree," which involved the use of flashlights for special effects. At the end, the audience sang carols along with the choir.

The band played "Rondelay", "Tinsel and Holly", "Old St. Nick" Takes a Rockin' Trip" and also played the traditional carols.

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DANCE DECEMBER 7

The Christmas dance held at the middle school last Friday was a success.

MR. EDINGER - 8th Gr History

Mr. Edinger is an 8th grade history teacher who has been teaching for fourteen years. He received his degree from Michigan State Univ.

When asked why he chose to teach history his reply was "because I've loved since I was in eighth grade." The person who he admires most in history is Franklin Roosevelt because he thinks he's interesting and has accomplished many great things.

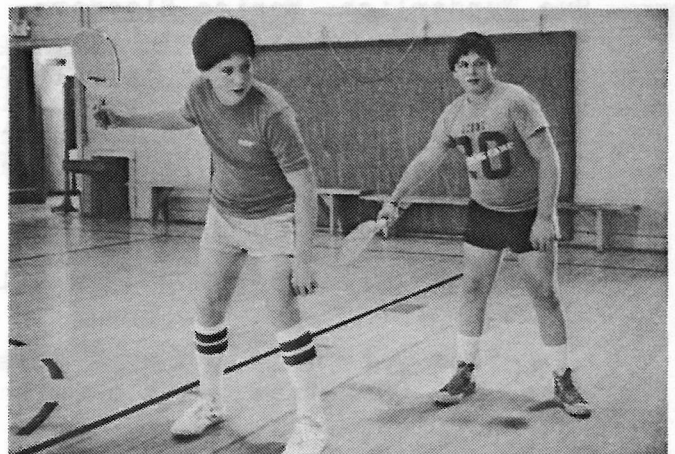
Mr. Edinger is married and has two boys, Ben and Jeff, who are in Kindergarten and fourth grade at Paw Paw Schools. He also has a pet labrador.

He enjoys football, likes to read, hunt and fish. When asked if there were any changes he'd like to see in the Good Times, he said, "Wonderful paper just as it is."

He wouldn't reveal his age but he said if you are history minded you can figure it out because he was born one year before World War II ended.

If he could have three wishes, he would like to 1) win the Michigan Lotto, 2) own a seafood restaurant, and 3) own a new Blazer. (car).

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GIRLS WIND UP SEASON

Yes, our 1984 Girls' basketball team was good. Even though our record was one and seven this does not mean we played rotten basketball. It means we played very good teams. Those teams included South, Milwood, Hillside, Bangor, Grand Rapids, and Portage Junior High. We had a tough defense along with a tough set of players.

Our one and only win came when we played at Loy Norrix in the eighth grade hoopsters tourney. Our first game was against Portage. Our tough defense led us to a 37-16 victory. Our second game, however, wasn't as good. We lost to a vicious Grand Rapids team. It didn't matter because after looking over our previous record, not one of us could have been prouder. r.t.

MID-TERMS AHEAD

To all 6th graders and new students:

At the end of the marking period you will be given a "mid-term". It is a test that comes in the middle of the year. It is over things you have learned in the first two marking periods. You will have 30 minutes in each class two days in a row. The best part of it is you have only half days of school those two days and you have the Friday of that week off. (This year that is January 18. Be sure to study!

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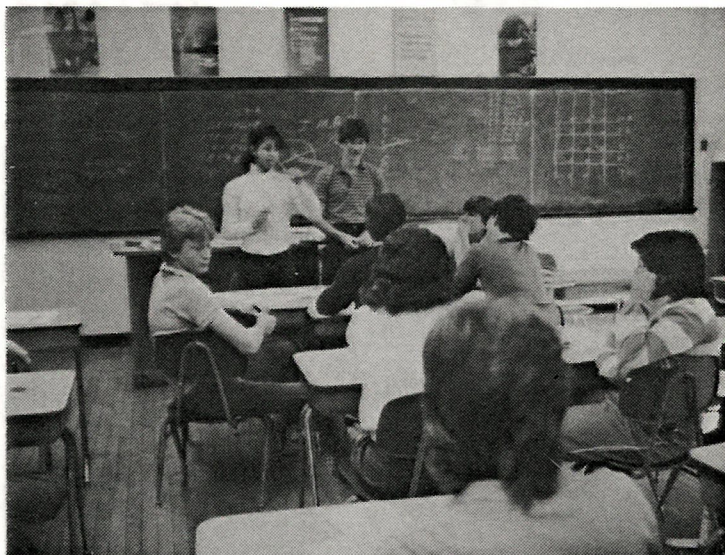
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ONLY ten more shopping days til Christmas!

Better yet, only ten more days to go... til Christmas, with or without the shopping.

Ingrid Lacy conducts a meeting of the middle school student council in the picture below.



Dear Sam:

I really like this girl in math class but she likes someone else. What should I do to get her to like me?

Help.

Dear Help:

Does she know you? Have you talked to her, really? First find a chance to talk. Ask about the homework, borrow a pencil, or something. Then maybe if she's going to a dance, find out and go too. See if she'll talk to you there. Or if she'll dance with you. She has to know you before she can like you. Good luck.

Please address any letters to Dear Sam to room 203 or to Ms. Swanson's mailbox inside the office. They are answered by a student who takes the job of Dear Sam.

The Yearbook is on Sale

Robin Racette has agreed to help put together this year's year book. Students from Ms. Swanson's news staff will be helping with the identification of photos and such. A cover color and design have already been chosen by the staff. Be sure to buy the 1985 yearbook when it goes on sale this week.

p.3 Christmas Times
 "FOR CHRISTMAS I WANT..."

The sixth graders were interviewed on "What I want most for Christmas." Here is what they said.

Kelly Tokarchick, Jim Charlier, Alex Stevens, Michelle Matter, Jody Hollenbeck, Bekki Martin and twenty two others all wanted stereos, records, tapes, telephones or a computer. These were the most popular selection of Christmas wishes.

Carie Blanton, Shelton Mitchell, Brandi Sheler, Stephanie Gillette and thirteen other people wanted games or dolls.

Jeremy Brautigan, Heather Briley, and several others wanted something on wheels.

Pam Coyer, Jennifer Evens, and four others all wanted clothes. Bill McNeil and Dennis Earl want money, while Tody Kelly and Chris Colman want weights.

Heidi Haas, Jessica Brown and Pete Person wanted pets.

Merry Christmas! y.k.

Living at The North Pole . .

Why does Santa live at the North Pole?

Santa lives at the North Pole so that he can stay used to the cold weather and be prepared for the longest coldest ride of the year, Christmas eve.. It gives him a place to get away from civilization and make his gifts. He and his reindeer all get a lot of well-needed sleep in such a remote area as the North Pole. m.o.

Anticipation

We have been helping with the cake,

And licking out the pan,
 And wrapping up our packages
 As neatly as we can.
 And we have hung our stockings

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Beside the open grate,
 And now there's nothing left
 to do except
 To wait.

Marchette Chute

What kind of mouse jumps higher
 than a house?
 None- a house can't jump.

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 If We Could Give Only One Gift

Seventh and eighth graders were asked what they would give if they could give only one gift and who would they give that gift to?

Derrick Wyatt said he'd get his cat a new litter box. Rob Heinzelman would give Santa eight birds. They fly better than reindeer.

Kellie Porth says she'll give Diet Coke and Pizza to Santa so he'll have something nice. Shawn Tapper thought she'd get a "new radio for my mom's car. The old one is horrible."

Jill Doornhaag would give her brother a warty toad because he "reminds me of one." Angela Sco-tese said, "I'd give myself a trip to Florida to get away from school."

Steve Figg would give a tape to Heath "because he's got mine." Cindy Curtis would give her brother Mike "a one way ticket to Australia." Tim Bannister would give Mrs. Maxwell a "can of Maxwell House coffee."

Lori Ramsey would give herself a "ghetto blaster for Christmas." Dennis Harbin says he will give his mom "a new car because hers is dead." Joey Pacula would give Santa a new sleigh. Tim Douglas would give a ring to his sister.

Jon Stoner would give the winning lotto ticket to my dad. "Then I could collect inheritance when he dies." Chuck McCoy said, "I'd give my mom and dad a vacation in Hawaii to get away from the kids."

Mary Warren would give "my mom time because she's always on the go." Mark Dulik would give "my grandpa a new semi from truck because his truck is getting too many miles on it." Carrie Kay would give a "million dollars to my family so they could buy what they want to so I didn't give them a gift they didn't like."

Kelli Jo Carpenter would give the "gift of exams to all my teachers." Matt Forester would give a black sack to Santa "because he's getting old." Ninja Joe (?) wants Christy Brinley for Christmas. Mr. Martin would give "his social studies classes a burning desire to know

classes a burning desire to know about the past." Mike Ignacek would give a three-wheeler to himself because he wants one.

Kim Wilson would give food and clothes to all the needy "because they are starving, have no hope and are hungry." Angie Ellis would give a "new house to my mom because I love her."

Phil Koppers would give a "chair that wouldn't let you get up until you're not tired to my grandma because she is always up and moving." Matt Hess would give "money to my mom and dad to get a larger car for the family." Amy Smead would give a transformer to my brother because "he likes to play with them."

Shelly Bergeson would give Joanne Lindenbach a "three-wheeler because she's my blood sister." Sheri Smith would give "Christy a puppy because she has been waiting for one for a long time."

Cherie Oliver would give Rosa Varnesdeel a horse "because she only had one once." Marc Nelson would give his dad "a scope so he wouldn't miss a deer." Brett Henson would give his mom a new car because she wants one.

Amy Moore would give all the food in the world to the starving people because she feels sorry for them. Susan Melson would give Shelly Bergeson the money for a nose job because "she's my friend and she needs one."

Michelle Cronenwett would give a Nick Rocks to Tawi Moore, because she likes it. Nikki Curtis would give a tractor to "my dad because he needs one." John Roberts would give his sister a muzzle "because she needs one."

Gina Gauthier would give Andrea Pluta a little cage for her brother because he's always bugging."

Andrea Pluta would give Sasha Singletary her normal colored socks, that "she gave me." Trevor Smith would give "Bob Roy what he wants most - a bald Cabbage Patch kid."

Ann Baker would give "James his hair back." Jennie Finnerman would give "my sister my brains because she really needs them." Katie Stras-
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would give Mr. Sang a new choir class that wouldn't goof off so he could be happy." Chris Brill would give Ronald McDonald watches to all the teachers so "they could tell time."

Rinda Teske would give "my sister Kathy a new car because her 16th birthday is coming up."

Happy December birthdays to the following people:

Bill Pruitt- Dec. 3
Barb Kerr- Dec. 1
Dewey Terry- Dec. 6
Robin Kidd- Dec. 16
Candy Ziemba- Dec. 22
Tim Douglas- Dec. 18
Brett Herwick- Dec. 20
Jody Hollenbeck- Dec. 29
Michelle Wright- Dec. 6
Mrs. Cusumano- December
Mr. Zolp - also December
Brett Henson- Dec. 22
Nathan Labadie- Dec. 22
Kelli Carpenter- Dec. 5
Kim Herring- Dec. 5
Donna Warner- Dec. 21
Diane Elkins- Dec. 17
Bob Boyer- Dec. 18
Kathy Triquet- Dec. 30

Happy January birthdays to

Mr. Lutz- January
Mrs. Matson- January
Jon Ruiter- Jan. 1
Nancy Walter- Jan. 17
Linda Buskirk- Jan. 13
Bob Paulus- Jan. 6
Jenny Johnston- January 12
Jenny Lozon- Jan. 22
Travis Hall- Jan. 29
Jennifer Hanley- Jan. 16
Jason Johnson- Jan. 31
Chris Kohlhas- Jan. 11
Mr. Lutz- January
Mrs. Matson - January

Additional Decembers
Kim Wilson- Dec. 2
Suzy Wachtor- Dec. 29
Brad McKenzie- Dec. 10

Have a happy day!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Christmas tree
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 Santa Claus
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 presents
 stockings
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 angel
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mistletoe
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 elf
 reindeer

SUE Wunderlich Varsity Kistly Basketball

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 12-18-84 - Mattawan - 6:30 Home
 12-21-84 - Hackett - 6:30 Away
 1-4-85 - Parchment - 6:30 Away
 1-8-85 - Otsego - 6:00 Home
 1-11-85 - Galesburg - 6:30 Home
 1-18-85 - Delton - 6:30 Away
 1-22-85 - Three Rivers - 6:00 Home
 1-25-85 - K'zoo Christian - 6:30 Home
 1-29-85 - Gull Lake - 6:00 Away
 2-1-85 - Mattawan - 6:30 Away
 2-5-85 - Hackett - 6:00 Home
 2-8-85 - Parchment - 6:30 Home
 2-12-85 - L.M.C. - 6:00 Away
 2-15-85 - Galesburg - 6:30 Away
 2-19-85 - Brondwine - 6:00 Home
 2-22-85 - Delton - 6:30 Home

